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The parent patent described a cell with a rechargeable In electrode surrounded by at least one conducting frame which is wetted by the electrolyte and is electrically sepn. from the electrodes; the frame has coarse pores and is made of a material on which a macroscopically visible Zn deposit from the electrolyte is obtd. at more negative potentials than those where a deposit occurs on smooth Ni or sintered Ni, and the surface of the frame contains catalysts for the oxidn. of hydrogen in fuel cells using aq. electrolytes. In the present invention, the frame has pores with a dia. of 0.05-1 mm, pref. 0.1-0.5 mm. The pref. pore dia. for fine Zn deposits is 0.1-0.25 mm and 0.25-0.5 mm for coarse in opposite polarity and improves the rechargeability of the cell by preventing the formation of Zn dendrites which extend to the cathode, thus causing short circuits. The small pores stop fine Zn dendrites from reaching the cathode.